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Re: U. S. Application No. 10/776,001 Filed February 9, 2004
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1. Letter of Transmittal (1 page)
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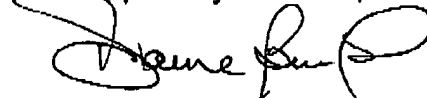
Dear Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the U.S. patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified new Patent Application.

1. Response to the Requirement for Restriction/Election of Species (2 pages).

THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND IS REQUESTED TO CHARGE ALL FILING FEES DUE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.16 AND ALL OTHER FEES DUE UNDER SECTION 1.17 DURING THE PENDENCY OF THIS APPLICATION TO OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 07-1729.

Respectfully submitted,



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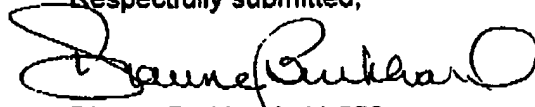
Applicants' undersigned representative apologizes for any confusion caused by Applicants' response of July 1, 2005, and hereby submits a corrected response to the Requirement for Restriction/Election of Species.

In response to the Requirement for Restriction in the Office Action of August 11, 2005, Applicants provisionally elect Group 9 to Figures 14a-14c, to which claims 1-4 are readable thereon, with traverse. Therefore, prior to examination on the merits, please consider the following remarks.

Specifically, Applicants traverse the Restriction with regards to Groups 7-10. As stated on page 11 of the specification, Figures 12-14 (Groups 7-9) depict components of the invention and the components in operation; and Group 10 shows preferred embodiments of components of the invention. It is unclear to Applicants how the Groups are viewed as distinct species with no generic claim. Reconsideration of the Requirement for Restriction is therefore respectfully requested.

Should Examiner maintain the requirement with regard to Groups 7-10,
clarification of the basis for Restriction is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dianne Burkhard", written over a horizontal line.

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